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Applicant: Rainer Grimm

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Examiner: Redman, Jerry

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action dated April 18, 2005, please consider the following remarks. Claims 12-16 and 18-32 remain pending in the application including independent claims 12, 23, 24, and 30. Claims 1-11 and 17 have been canceled.

Claims 12-15, 18, 19, 21-28 and 30-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Maekawa. The examiner argues that Maekawa discloses a profile bar 2 and a coupling member 41 that is attached in the same plane as an edge of the window pane 9, referring to Figure 8.

Claim 12 recites the "exterior surface of the window pane is laterally aligned with an exterior surface of the profile bar." Maekawa does not disclose this feature. Figure 8 clearly shows that neither the exterior surface nor the interior surface of the window pane is laterally aligned with an exterior surface of the profile bar. The examiner seems to be equating the edge of window pane 9 in Maekawa with the claimed exterior surface. Applicant asserts that this is not a reasonable interpretation of Maekawa.